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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Community Outreach

The Office of Campaign Finance presented at four (4) Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) meetings during February 2023. Information on the Agency's Traditional and Fair Elections Programs were discussed. The ANCs (SMDs) are listed below:

• ANC3B – February 9

• ANC3A – February 21

• ANC5A – February 22

• ANC5F – February 28

FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP's production stats for February 2023:

AUTHORIZED BASE AMOUNT AND MATCHING PAYMENTS

By way of background, the 2020 Election Cycle was the first election cycle during which the Fair Elections Program was fully implemented. The total sum of \$4,016,797.64 was disbursed from the FAIR ELECTIONS FUND in BASE AMOUNT (\$1,120,000.00) AND MATCHING PAYMENTS (\$2,896,797.64) to the Thirty-six (36) Candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program to participate in the June 2, 2020, Primary Election, the June 16, 2020, Special Election (also conducted during this timeframe), and the November 3, 2020, General Election. The 2020 Election Cycle closed on November 3, 2020, and the 2020 Special Election Cycle closed on June 16, 2020.

As of this date during the 2022 Election Cycle, the total sum of \$13,557,106.70 has been authorized for disbursement from the FAIR ELECTIONS FUND in BASE AMOUNT (\$1,665,000.00) AND MATCHING PAYMENTS (\$11,892,106.70), to the Forty-Two (42) Candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program to participate in the June 21, 2022, Primary Election (Thirty-One (31) Candidates) and to participate in the November 8, 2022 General Election (Ten (10) Candidates).

Participating Candidates in the Fair Elections Program for the 2022 Election Cycle and disbursements authorized (33) payments from the Fair Elections Fund during the Month of January 2023.

January 2023:

- 1. Michael Sriqui, Sriqui For Ward 3 Schools. On February 9, 2023, the sum of \$200.00 was authorized for additional Matching Payments to the previously certified Participating Candidate.
- 2. Matthew Frumin, Matthew Frumin for Ward 3. On February 9, 2023, the sum of \$1,750.00 was authorized for additional Matching Payments to the previously certified Participating Candidate.

DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Candidate/Treasurer Consultations:

NONE

REMITTED FUNDS

As of February 28, 2023, the total sum of \$650,001.68 has been remitted for deposit in the Fair Elections Fund from the campaign operations of Participating Candidates in the 2022 Election Cycle.

ONGOING POST-ELECTION FULL FIELD AUDITS

The following Twenty-Nine (29) Post-Election Audits are currently ongoing before the Fair Elections Program at various stages, including Audit Documentation received and Audit in progress; Audit Complete and the Preliminary Statement of Findings issued, and/or Response received and Under Review/Draft Final Audit submitted to the Audit Manager and Under Review; and Failure to submit Audit Documentation and Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

Post-Election Audits – **The June 2, 2020, Primary Election** (Audits initiated on June 19, 2020, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who did not proceed to the General Election):

- 1. Green for Ward 7 Audit documentation received on August 6, 2020. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to FEP Manager for review on January 4, 2022.
- 2. Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 Partial Audit documentation received June 23, 2021. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.
- 3. Evans 2020 Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on April 15, 2021.** Response submitted on May 21, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on October 11, 2022.**

- 4. Yilin for Ward 2 Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on April 15, 2021. Response submitted on May 21, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on July 29, 2022.**
- 5. Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2 Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on August 5, 2021. Response submitted on July 15, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on January 26, 2023.**
- 6. Mike for Ward 8 Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021**. Response submitted on July 14, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 10, 2022.
- 7. Kishan for DC 2020 Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) on February 16, 2021, for failure to submit the required documentation. Hearing held on March 10, 2021, no response from Committee, 2nd Hearing held on March 25, 2021 no response from Committee. The OGC issued an Order on April 20, 2021, and the Committee was fined One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022.
- 8. Jordan Grossman for Ward 2 Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 30, 2021.** Response submitted July 12, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 17, 2022. Under review of FEP Manager.
- 9. John Fanning for Ward 2 Extension approved until October 12, 2020, for submission of financial records. Documentation was not received. Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) on February 12, 2021. Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022.
- 10. Elect Renee Bowser Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021.** Response submitted on July 24, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on February 3, 2023.**

Post-Election Audits: The June 16, 2020, Special Election (Audits initiated on July 6, 2020, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who participated in the Special Election).

- Kishan Putta, Kishan Putta for Ward 2 Special Election 2020 Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021. No response. Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022. Final Audit Report Issued on February 3, 2023
- 2. John Fanning, John Fanning for Ward 2 Special Election 2020 Extension approved until October 12, 2020, for the submission of the financial records. Documentation was not received. Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) on February 12, 2021. Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022.

- 3. Jordan Grossman, Jordan Grossman for Ward 2 Special Election Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 30, 2021.** Response received on July 12, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 17, 2022. Under review of the FEP Manager.
- 4. Patrick Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2 Special June 16, 2020 Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021.** Response submitted on July 15, 2021. **Final Audit Report issued on January 26, 2023.**

Post-Election Audits: The November 3, 2020, General Election (Audits initiated on March 30, 2021, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who participated in the November 3, 2020, General Election).

- 1. Chandler for Council Audit documentation has been received. Audit documentation received on September 8, 2021. Audit still in progress. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.
- 1. Let's Reid 2020 Audit documentation has been received. Audit in progress. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 24, 2022.
- 2. Ed Lazere for DC Council At-Large Audit documentation received on June 7, 2021. Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021.** Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.
- 3. Franklin for DC 2020 Audit documentation received on May 7, 2021. Audit in progress.
- 4. Frazier for Ward 4 Audit documentation has been received. Audit complete. **Preliminary** Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021. Final Audit Report Issued on February 13, 2023.
- 5. James for Ward 2 State Board of Education Audit initiated on March 30, 2021, no documentation has been received. Referred to the OGC, Hearing held on August 11, 2021, No one representing the committee attended. OGC will reschedule the Hearing. Audit is in progress, with documentation received. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 25, 2022.
- 6. Committee to Elect Janeese Lewis George Audit documentation received on Oct. 4, 2021. Audit in progress. Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021. Final Statement of Audit Findings issued on July 19, 2022.
- 7. Committee to Elect Jeanne' Lewis for City Council Audit documentation received on August 15, 2021. Audit in progress.

- 8. Monica Palacio for City Council Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation has been received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to OGC on August 23, 2021. Audit documentation received on Oct. 5, 2021. Audit in progress.
- 9. The Committee to Elect Mysiki Valentine Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation has been received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to the OGC on August 23, 2021. Audit documentation received on Oct. 4, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 21, 2022. **Final Audit Report Issued on January 26, 2023.**
- 10. Re-Elect Trayon White 2020 Audit documents received on June 6, 2021. Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021. Response received on January 10, 2022, under review by the FEP Manager. Final Statement of Findings submitted and under review of the FEP Management on Aril 20, 2022.
- 11. Vincent Orange 2020 Audit documentation has been received. Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on March 1, 2022. **Final Audit Report Issued on February 3, 2023.**
- 12. Will Merrifield for DC Audit documents received on June 6, 2021. Audit in progress.
- 13. Markus For DC Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation has been received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to OGC on August 23, 2021. Hearing held on October 6, 2021. No one from the Committee attended. Order entered imposing fine of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,850.00) for the failure to respond to the Audit. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.
- 14. Randy Downs For Ward 2 Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to OGC on July 29, 2021. Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on February 23, 2022.**
- 15. Karen For 7 SBOE 2020 Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on April 7, 2022.**
- **16.** Friends of Christina Henderson Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on June 23, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on July 19, 2022.**
- 17. Committee to Elect Dontrell Smith, Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on August 20, 2021. **Final Audit Report Issued on February 28, 2022.**

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the PIRMs production stats for February 2023:

FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES & PACS

January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	101 (54PCC - 47PAC)
Total number of timely filers	81 (34PCC – 47PAC)*
Total number of late filers	0 (0PCC – 0PAC)
Total number of extensions requested	3 (3PCC – 0PAC)
Total number of extensions granted	3 (3PCC – 0PAC)
Total number of FTF	17 (18PCC – 0PAC)
Total number of OGC referrals	TBD
Total number of Electronic Filings	81 (34PCC – 47PAC)
Total number of Certified E-Filings	81 (34PCC – 47PAC)

^{*}Five (5) PCCs Filed Termination Reports

FAIR ELECTIONS CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	37
Total number of timely filers	29*
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	6
Total number of extensions granted	6
Total number of FTF	6
Total number of OGC referrals	TBD
Total number of Electronic Filings	29
Total number of Certified E-Filings	29

^{*}Six (6) Committees Filed Termination Reports

INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES

January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	8
Total number of timely filers	8
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	0

Total number of OGC referrals	0
Total number of Electronic Filings	8
Total number of Certified E-Filings	8

INITIATIVE/REFERENDUM COMMITTEESS January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	8 (7INT – 1REF)
Total number of timely filers	2 (2INT – 0REF)
Total number of late filers	0 (0INT – 0REF)
Total number of extensions requested	0 (0INT – 0REF)
Total number of extensions granted	0 (0INT – 0REF)
Total number of FTF	6 (5INT – 1REF)
Total number of OGC referrals	TBD
Total number of Electronic Filings	2 (2INT – 0REF)
Total number of Certified E-Filings	2 (2INT – 0REF)

RECALL COMMITTEES

January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	1
Total number of timely filers	0
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	1
Total number of OGC referrals	TBD
Total number of Electronic Filings	0
Total number of Certified E-Filings	0

INAUGURAL COMMITTEE January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Total number of required filers	1
Total number of timely filers	1
Total number of late filers	0
Total number of extensions requested	0
Total number of extensions granted	0
Total number of FTF	0
Total number of OGC referrals	0
Total number of Electronic Filings	1
Total number of Certified E-Filings	1

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER (ANC) CANDIDATES

ANC Financial Summary Statement

(Due Tuesday, February 21, 2023)

Total number of required filers	458
Total number of timely filers	331
Total number of late filers	TBD
Total number of extensions requested	1
Total number of extensions granted	1
Total number of FTF	127
Total number of OGC referrals	TBD
Total number of Electronic Filings	324
Total number of Certified E-Filings	324

NEW CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

(2024 Election Cycle)

TRADITIONAL CANDIDATES = 1

Primary = 1

Office of City Council, Ward-8

Rahman Branch Registration Date: 1/23/2023

FAIR ELECTIONS CANDIDATES = 1

Primary = 1

Office of City Council, Ward-8

Salim K. Adofo Registration Date: 11/18/2022

REPORTS ANALYSIS AND AUDIT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the RAAD's production stats for February 2023:

DESK REVIEWS (260) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Political Action Committees (includes amended reports)	22
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)	4
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)	0
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)	39
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates	147
Inaugural Committee	1
Exploratory Committees	0
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)	10
Form 16-IE (Single Independent IE)	0
Initiative/Referendum/Recall	4
Twenty-four Hour Reports	0
Attorney General	0
Legal Defense Fund (includes amended reports)	0
Audit Letters (RFAI) Sent	13
Follow-up Letters Sent	0
Case(s) Resolved (includes voluntary amendments)	25
FOIA Request	0
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations ()	0
Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel	1
Cases Referred for Contributions with Same Address and Similar Signatures	0
Cases Terminated	4
Hearings Attended	0
Early Voting Site Visits	0
Precinct Visits	0
Virtual Webinars Attended	0
Outside Seminars Attended	0
In House Training (Auditor Training New employees)	2
Entrance Conferences	Ω

AUDITS ISSUED

None

PERIODIC UPCOMING AUDITS:

- 1) Upcoming Audits Full Field Audits Newly Elected Officials records are due March 2023 (pre-audit fieldwork in progress):
 - o Mendelson for Chairman 2022 Ryan Wilburn

- o Kenyan McDuffie 2022 Jessica Reed and Jaylen Byrdsong
- o Eric Goulet SBOE DeAndria Savage
- o Oye for US Representative Jermol Dix

***Note: Audit Notification Letters to be issued February 1, 2023.

- 2) Periodic Audits January 31, 2023 filings Political Action Committees records were due February 20, 2023
 - o DC Engineers PAC (records received and audit fieldwork completed)
 - DC for Democracy PAC (committee has been referred to the OCF General Counsel for failing to provide the audit records 2/28/23)

***Note: Audit Notification Letters were issued on February 3, 2023.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

2023 MONTHLY IN-TAKE/OUTPUT REPORT

	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Opinion Request		0			Ť		
Received							
Opinion Request		0					
Completed							
Complaints		0					
Received							
Internal Queries		0					
Preliminary		0					
Investigations							
Initiated							
Preliminary		0					
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Full		0					
Investigations							
Initiated							
Full		0					
Investigations							
Orders Issued							
Informal		3					
Hearings							
Referred							
Informal		25					
Hearings							
Completed							
Informal		25*					
Hearings							
Orders Issued							
Petitions for		0					
Enforcement							
Referrals to BOE							

^{*}This figure represents 15 orders in which a total of \$26,825.00 in fines was imposed and 10 orders in which no fines were imposed.

Board Statistics for February 2023 Board Meeting March 7, 2023

	PIRM PCC	0
		0
	PAC's	0
	ANC's	0
	500 Exemption	0
	Constituent Services	0
	Statehood Fund	0
	Initiatives	0
	Referendum	0
	Independent Expenditure	0
	Fair Elections Committee	3
	RAAD	
	PCC	0
	PAC's	0
	Constituent Services	0
	Statehood Fund	0
	2	-
1.	Notices of Hearings	11
	First Notices	9
	Second Notices	2
2.	Notices and Orders Vacated	0
	Hearings Conducted	9
	Orders which imposed	15
••	fines	10

5. Fines imposed \$26,825.00

DC Political Action Candidate Election	\$ 100.00
Edwards for Ward 4	\$4,000.00
Monica Palacio for City Council	\$3,900.00
Cmte. to Elect Claudia Barragan City Council	\$2,000.00
Committee to Elect Karim Marshall	\$1,025.00
Friends of Best	\$850.00
Paul Trantham At-Large	\$650.00
Dems For Progress	\$2,750.00
Butler for Mayor	\$2,750.00
Campaign to Elect Lawson	\$2,750.00
Citizens for Jennifer G. Muhammad	\$350.00
Gary ToTo Forward 5	\$350.00
Committee to Elect Art Lloyd	\$2,400.00

Campaign to Elect Lawson Food Service PAC

\$2,450.00 \$500.00

6. Fines collected \$150.00. 2020 Elect Dorothy Douglas \$525.00 Credit Union PAC of DC

7. Investigations completed 0 Orders issued

8. Petitions for Enforcement 0

9. Outstanding Fines To be Determined

LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS

March 7, 2023

Complainant: Chuck Thies

Date Docketed: September 1, 2022

Respondents: Patricia "Tricia" Duncan and Benjamin Bergmann

Allegation: Receipt of an illegal "in kind" contribution

Status: Pending

Complainant: Eric Goulet

Date Docketed: December 29, 2022

Respondents: Elissa Silverman and The Elissa for DC PCC

Allegation: Violation of the Fair Elections Act by making an illegal contribution to another Principal Campaign Committee

Status: Pending

INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS

March 7, 2023

NONE

(All Interpretative Opinions are on-line@ www.ocf.dc.gov)

SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

March 7, 2023

NONE